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SUBJ: SALVADOR-HONDURAS DISPUTE

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1. SPEECH BEFORE UNGA PLENARY MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 26  
BY FONMIN BORGONOVO OF EL SALVADOR INCLUDED FOLLOWING  
STATEMENTS RE DISPUTE WITH HONDURAS:

"TO CONCLUDE, I SHOULD LIKE TO REFER TO A MATTER  
WHICH IS IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE CONCERNS OF OUR PEOPLE  
AND GOVERNMENT, AND THAT IS THE PROGRESS OF DIRECT  
NEGOTIATION BETWEEN EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS.

"ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT QUESTION I CAN STATE THAT THE  
PRESENT STATUS OF THIS NEGOTIATION IS HIGHLY PROMISING;  
SINCE 15 SEPTEMBER THE NEGOTIATORS OF BOTH COUNTRIES  
HAVE BEEN MEETING IN MEXICO, A COUNTRY WHICH GENEROUSLY,  
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AND DOING HONOUR TO ITS TRADITIONS AS A PAN-AMERICAN

NATION, HAS BEEN OFFERING ITS GOOD OFFICES FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT EVER SINCE THE OUTSET OF THE CONFLICT.

"MOREOVER, THE CONCERN AND THE INTEREST WHICH HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED CONSISTENTLY ON THIS QUESTION BY OTHER BROTHER COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AMERICA HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN DECIDEDLY FAVOURABLE FACTORS IN THE ATTAINMENT OF THE PRESENT STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS. AS THE CULMINATING FACTOR I SHOULD LIKE TO POINT TO THE RECENT MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTS OF HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR FOSTERED BY THE GESTURE MADE IN THE TRUEST CENTRAL AMERICAN SPIRIT BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA, GENERAL CARLOS ARANA OSORIO.

"THE PRESENT CONVERSATIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF GREAT CORDIALITY AND WITH A SENSE OF PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION, WHICH LEADS US TO TRUST THAT THE RESULTS WILL BE GOOD.

"EL SALVADOR, AT THIS TIME WHEN A JUST AND FAIR SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE WITH THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS LOOMS ON THE HORIZON, REAFFIRMS IN THIS WORLD FORUM ITS SPIRIT OF TRUE CENTRAL AMERICANISM, BASED ON HUMAN RAPPROCHEMENT AND THE COLLECTIVE WILL TO REBUILD OUR COMMON NATINALITY.

"THE PROBLEMS OF CENTRAL AMERICA ARE NOT OF COURSE ONLY A QUESTION OF IMPROVING A MARKET OR DEFINING A FRONTIER. ON THE CONTRARY, TO MAGNIFY THIS MATTER WHICH IS CONDUCIVE TO DIVISION WOULD DETRACT ENERGY AND FORCE FROM THE EFFORT AT A TRUE AND DEEPER INTEGRATION. WE CANNOT AVOID THE CONCRETE REALITIES WHICH CIRCUMSTANCES IMPOSE ON US, BUT IT IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO CONVERT THEM INTO ESSENTIAL FACTORS FOR THE HISTORIC' FUTURE OF THE REGION.

"MY GOVERNMENT WISHES TO REPEAT THAT IT WILL EXERT ALL OF ITS GOODWILL AND DETERMINATION TO FINDING A FINAL, REALISTIC AND WORTHY SOLUTION OF THIS DISPUTE WHICH GOES TO THE VERY ROOTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL AMERICAN

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